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FORMER PRINCIPAL TO RETIRE

Wilbur J. Rook, assistant superintendent

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Woman's Club

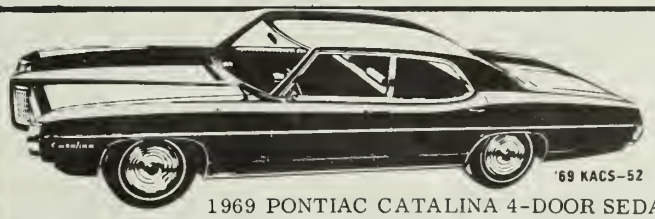
ILLUSTRATED TALK

"Christmas Holiday Abroad", an illustrated lecture, was given by Mr. Willis Tibbetts, substituting for Mrs. Tibbetts who was ill at a meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon, December 19th. The colorful slides were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts on a trip to Germany to visit their son during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Louis Corey, Jr. presided at the business meeting. The invocation was by Mrs. Charles Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the singing of one verse of Joy to the World.

A report of the State Federation's Fall meeting by Mrs. Luen M. Johnson was read by Mrs. Clarence F. Fountain.

Several members wore homemade Christmas hats and receiving the prize for the most original was Miss Dorothy Fox. A Christmas centerpiece made by Mrs. Victor Twiraga



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THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF *Christmas*

Editorial

This season of Christmas, 1968, was one of great contrasts. The tragic accident that took the life of Mrs. Alfred Faria, when her car struck a tree in front of Gibbs Farm Dairy in Rochester, saddened all of the people in this area who knew her and her husband, Alfred E. Faria. Mr. Faria is acting Police Chief of Mattapoisett. The accident occurred on December 17th. More than 400 people attended the services for Mrs. Faria which were held at St. Anthony's Church. Mrs. Faria was a member of the Rosary Altar Society and was a communicant of St. Anthony's. The season was also marred by a fire at the Hillside Motel which started when a newly erected Christmas tree was lit. In this accident, the flash fire caused extensive damage to the home there.

These events cast a shadow over a week usually so full of good cheer. The bright decorations on the streets were a lift for the

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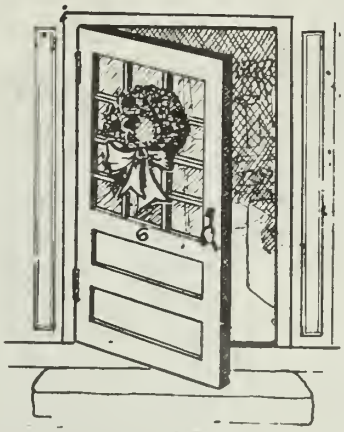
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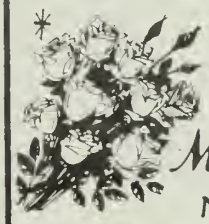
spirit. A beautiful lighted tree at the Mattapoisett Boatyard was magnificent against the black shore. Along Water Street a tree atop the Jensen home was like a beautiful beacon against the sky. The young people of the Congregational Church erected a tree on the bandstand at Shipyard Park and had a lighting ceremony at which time those who came sang carols. Sharon Young, president of the Fireside Fellowship, welcomed the townspeople and expressed the wish that the ceremony would become a tradition in Mattapoisett. After the lighting, the Fellowship toured the streets of the village singing carols at residences along the way.

The high point of Christmas must surely be the successful voyage to the moon by the United States' astronauts. How fortunate we are. This period is the most event filled in the recorded history of man. In 68 years, man has moved from one horse power to the awe inspiring thunder of the great moon rockets. For us, it is the thrill of witnessing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The time has come for a reassessment of national purpose and is past due for a change in the policy which commits American fighting men to sacrifice themselves without the total backing of the country. Twice, we have been trapped into fighting wars without purpose on terms which give aid and sanctuary to the other side. A country which can conquer space should be able to avoid being trapped into wars without victory with fifth rate countries.

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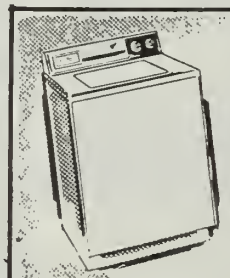
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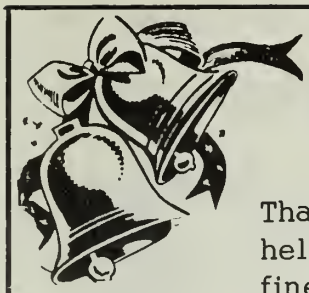

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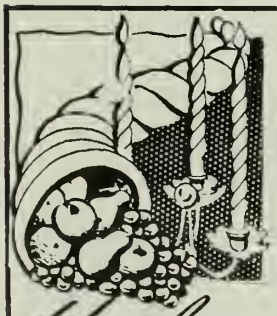
Grange

Mattapoisett Grange held its last regular meeting Thursday night, December 19th, in the Grange Hall.

Deputy John Bower was the honored guest, bringing a message from the State Master, Frank Nelson.

Deputy Bower had attended the State Deputy meeting and reported on the changes and help for the Subordinate Granges. He also announced he was appointed the official Deputy for Mattapoisett Grange.

Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Mabel Denham were read by Earle Wilson. A



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An expression of sympathy will be sent to Deputy Chief Faria and his family from the Grange.

The overseer, Otto Kellish, reported for the agriculture committee, explaining the change in growing turkeys. Years ago the turkeys of ordinary weight were so large they could hardly fit in the oven. Today, through scientific knowledge, the turkey can be molded as it develops, and becomes a nice, flat shape that will fit nicely in a roasting pan.

An announcement was made that Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kellish, Mrs. Mary Costa and Mrs. Marguerite Vaughan will be on the ways and means committee for January, February and March.

A report was given by Walter Caswell and Mrs. Gladys Pearson on the success of their ways and means projects for October, November and December.

The lecturer's march was won by Deputy Bower. Carol singing opened the program, followed by the much enjoyed poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas", read by Earle Wilson.

Mrs. Gladys Pearson read the version of a "Wife's Christmas". Gifts were exchanged from a decorated Christmas tree from the Juniors.

Cake and coffee were served by the lecturer, Mrs. Ruby Barber, assisted by several women members.

The next regular meeting will be January 2, 1969. Plans are being completed for a New Year's Party. Refreshments will be served by the lady officers with the worthy Ceres, Mrs. Susan LaFleur, as chairman.

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Anne Czarnetski, 15, sophomore from Bourne High School, won first place in the District 2 "Make It Yourself With Wool" competition held at Old Rochester Regional High School, on Saturday, December 14th. Anne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Czarnetski, Cotuit Road, Bourne. Anne will go to Webster, Massachusetts on December 30th to compete with girls from four other Districts. The winner at the State competition will have the opportunity to compete in the National competition held in San Francisco, California. The winner of the National competition will be awarded a

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The first place in the Senior division was Marcia Wilson, 17, of Norwell High School. Marcia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson of 22 Tiffany Road, Norwell. Marcia plans to further her education in fashion design at Cornell University. Marcia will also compete in the state finals at Webster.

The second place winner in the Senior Division was Judy Ouellette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ouellette of Front Street, Marion. Judy, a graduate of Old Rochester Regional, is a sophomore at Framingham State College. Judy is majoring in Home Economics Education. Third place was won by Donna Bumpus of New Bedford Vocational. Fourth was won by Annette Gagna, also of New Nedford Vocational.

Judges for the competition were: Mr. Weston Andrews, Polaroid, Inc.; Mrs. Sharon Carter, Home Economics teacher, Wareham High School; Mrs. Patricia Fine, Cape Cod Extension, Barnstable; Mrs. Catherine McCollister, clothing instructor, Fairhaven High School; Mrs. Genevieve Modesto, Home Service, New Bedford Gas and Light Company; and Mr. James Silvia, manager of Cherry & Webb, New Bedford.

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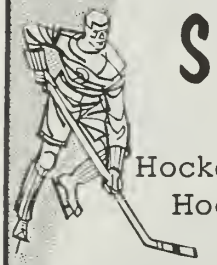

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Finally, thanks to the clergy of St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett.

Albert Andrews
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Rochester Woman's Club

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED AT PARTY

One hundred and sixty children of Rochester enjoyed magical tricks performed by Mr. Alfred Landry, magician, at the annual Christmas party, sponsored by the Rochester Woman's Club.

Each child was presented a gift by Santa and the program of the evening concluded with refreshments being served by the able committee, comprised of Mrs. George Church, chairman; Mrs. Greenwood Hartley, Jr., Mrs. C. Condit Pierce, Mrs. Albert Jenney and Mrs. Ronald Beaulieu.

Twenty-one members and guests attended the annual Christmas party for club members. Mrs. Margaret Benner and Mrs. Alberta King were in charge of this meeting. Events of the evening included a pot luck supper, musical selections by the First Congregational Church choral group, a community sing of Christmas Carols and exchange of Christmas gifts.

Mrs. Martha Charron and Mrs. Belle Davoll were elected to club membership.

The next regular club meeting will be held January 8th at the clubhouse. Mrs. Margaret Benner, Mrs. Arnold Reynolds and others who have home movies will show them.

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The troop did not meet during the holidays and will resume meetings in January.

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Part VII

At about the time the ships of the "Lunnin Fleet" were receiving their orders from their commanding general, Charles Grey, prior to their entrance to Bedford Harbor, and while Captain Timothy Ingraham was being informed by Worth Bates, the garrison stationed at the Fort (Phoenix), which consisted of a total of thirty-eight men, rushed to their stations in preparation for the defense of the area against the British intruders. The Fort mounted eleven pieces of heavy cannon and housed twenty-five casks of powder, stowed in the magazine. Just a few days earlier, twenty casks had been procured from the Jarvis Brothers, Leonard and Phillip, who operated a commissary store on the Bedford side.

Also on the Bedford side, where Fort Rodman stands today, stood the only defense that Bedford Village provided. That being two field pieces (cannon) and sixty men. Meanwhile, at the sighting of the approaching foreign marauders, the garrison at the Fort (Phoenix) fired three thunderous cannon to alert the surrounding inhabitants of the pending danger. The larger ship, which was leading the fleet, was His Majesty Brig-of-War "Carysfort", which sailed directly up the Acushnet River and layed-to abreast of the fort with about half the transports droping anchor off Clark's Point. The remainder of the contingent, along with their frigate escorts, sailed to the east of Egg Island in the outer harbor, where, some people recall, was the first time any sail of their size ventured and it is believed none have sailed since. We set the time of this happening at about noon on Saturday, September 5, 1778. It took several hours in anchoring and preparing the troops for the intended assault. At about four in the afternoon the long-to-be-remembered landing of the troops commenced. They almost immediately forced the retreat of the two field pieces at Clark's Point to the north up County Road toward the head of the River (Acushnet).

From the Fort (Phoenix) on the Fairhaven side, the alarm was quickly sent throughout the countryside, especially to "How-

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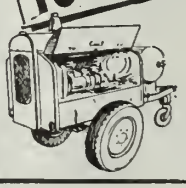
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land's Ferry" (Stone Bridge at Tiverton, Rhode Island), where the main body of the local militia troops had been committeed. The troops continued their debarkation from their transports lying to the east of the Fort under cover from the guns of their frigate escorts until nightfall. Neither their movements or motion of the landed troops could be detected from the fort. These troops, which included light horse, artillery, etc. were being landed in barges. Assembly was in quick succession near the Almshouse (poor House) at Clark's Point and they commenced their destructive march north up County Road.

The first building to undergo the torch was a rope-walk (rope factory) and a distillery belonging to Isaac Howland. Soon afterwards all the stores and warehouses, shops, some barns and dwelling houses was a mass of flames, giving the waterfront a sunset appearance. The surging column of British pilferers, upon reaching Main Street (now

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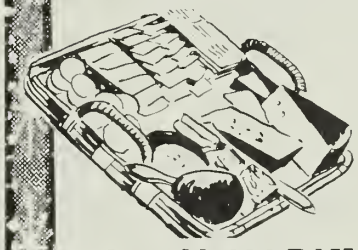

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Union) at County, wheeled to the right and continued their destruction to the waterfront, where many of the privateers' captured prizes were being held. They too were soon engulfed in flames. Up until this point neither side was listing any fatalities. The marauders pressed on. At this point neither time nor space permits this writer to elaborate in more detail the accounts of this raid. However, a book will soon become available detailing more of this famous raid and other periods of historic value in this general area, bearing the title, "The Tower of Strength".

At about nine o'clock on the evening of the 5th of September, the seasoned troops on the Bedford side reached McPhearson's Wharf, the location of which has been pointed out in another article. Lying at anchor at this wharf was a brig, "No Duty on Tea", which was soon to come under the torch of the unwelcomed troops. As her lines and fastenings were burnt off she slowly floated down river just north of "Dog Fish Bar", and abreast of the "Burying Ground Hill", where she slowly nestled to her murky grave. Several other vessels were also burnt at McPhearson's and sunk. Some years later, they were raised.

To be Continued

YWCA

Registration for winter classes is set for the week of January 6th and classes will begin the next week. On Mondays, from 10 to 12 noon, Col. E. J. Tomasik will teach Intermediate Bridge and Mr. Alden Blake will be the instructor for beginners Self-Defense from 7 to 8 P.M., and advanced class from 8 to 9 P.M.

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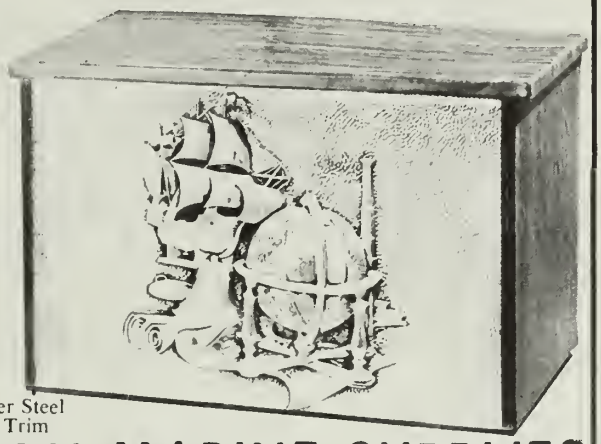

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Nomination papers for Town Officers to be elected in March should be picked up at the Town Clerk's Office. Completed papers must be filed with the Town Clerk by 5:00 P.M. January 27, 1969.

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Petition of DOMINICK BENINATI of North Wilmington, Massachusetts for a variance from frontage and area requirements, pursuant to the provisions of Section VII B1 of the Zoning By-Law. Property shown as LOTS 258 and 259 of BRANT BEACH PLOT of the Mattapoisett Assessor's Records and is located on PINEHURST AVENUE.

The hearing will be held in the VOTING ROOM in the TOWN HALL on THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1969 at 7:30 P.M.

Petition of DOROTHY E. BROWN of Randall Road, Mattapoisett for a special permit, as provided by Section VII B.2 of the Zoning By-Law, for an exception to the requirements of Section V A.5 of said by-law as pertains to the stabling of a burro. Property shown as LOT 15 PLOT 23 of the Mattapoisett Assessor's Records and is located on RANDALL ROAD.

The hearing will be held in the VOTING ROOM in the TOWN HALL on THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1969 at 8:00 P.M.

HARVEY J. BLANCHETTE, Chairman
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